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### CHRISTMASFOOTBALL

Prospect of a Memorable Contest Monday.

NOTED PLAYERS ON THE TEAMS

The American Association After Baitimore.

CURRENT SPORTING NOTES

of the foot ball teams that will represen The Washingtonians will be capby Cummings, the Georgetown The eleven will come from the folowing. Ends, Curtiss, Swarthmore; Tauslowing. Ends, Curtiss, Swarthmore; Taussig, Cornell; Lincoln, Yale, and Lunsford, Y. M. C. A. Tackles, Church, Princeton; McGowan, C. A. C.; De Silver, University of Pennsylvania; Boulay, Y. M. C. A., and Lenane, Georgetown. Guards, Cummings, Georgetown; McConville, C. A. C., and Wheeler, Gallaudet. Centers, Overfield, University of Pennsylvania, and McGowan, Y. M. C. A. Half backs, Andree, Gallaudet; Devlin, Georgetown; Watson, C. A. C.; Weaver, Y. M. C. A.; Mills, Y. M. C. A., and Talty, University of Virginia; quarter backs, Parsons, C. A. C.; Gracle, Georgetown, and Reddington, Y. M. C. A.; full backs, Kenna, Georgetown; Waters, Gallaudet, and Sneil, Y. M. C. A.

The maks-up of the Baltimore eleven will be: Captain and right half back, Neilson Poe of Princeton's '96 team; Turner, Baltimore Medical College, center; Penton, Physicians and Surgeons, and Mayer, B. M. C., guards, Willel, Western Maryland, and George Burlingame, tackles; A. Poe and Dunsmore, B. M. C., ends; Noble, B. M. C., quarter; Hinkle, B. M. C., full back, Whitaker, Western Maryland, left half. Subs, Walker and Hebb, B. M. C.; Lewis and Whitehurst, W. M.

The All-Baltimore team has chartered a special car for players and rooters, which is to leave Camden station, Baltimore at 11 o'clock for Washington. The contest will be head at National Park in the afternoon.

The candidates for positions on the team ig, Cornell; Lincoln, Yale, and Lunsford

are showing up in fine shape, and give promise of putting up a "star" game from start to finish. Nearly all the collegiate contingent have arrived in the city, and have been practicing at the Y. M. C. A. Park for the last three days, so that no lack of practice or team work may be expected.

Among the collegians who will positively appear in the game, and who have re-ported to Manager Nicholson are Tausig of ornell, who made such an excellent show ing on this year's team from that college De Silver, an ex-Washington High Schoo or himself at that university.

Manager Nicholson says that the prob-ble line-up of the teams will be as fol-

All-Washington, Right end. Althousestiss (Swarthmore). At thur Poe (Princeton), Walker (Balt, Med. Col.). Curtiss (Swarthmore), Lincoln (Yale), Lunsford (Y.M.C.A.),

Right tackle.

Barelay (Y.M.C.A.). Willett (Un. of Md.).

Overfield (U. of Pa.). McGowan (C.A.C.).

Quarter back. Gresham Poe (Princeton) Parsons (C.A.C.). Redington (Y.M.C.A.). Ross (Bucknell).

Weaver (Y.M.C.A.), Half back. Andree (Gallander). Goat onek.
Goath (Balt, Med.).
N. Foe (Princeton), capt,
Whittaker (Un, of Va.).
Green (Un, of Md.).
Turner (Harvard).

Full back, Hinkle (Balto, Med.). Snell (Y.M.C.A.). Waters (Gallandet). Fampuer (Swarthmor

Left end. Nelson Poe (Princeton). McGowan (C.A.C.).
Pat Wells, (C.A.C.).
Harding (Y.M.C.A.).

Hasling (Y.M.C.A.).

Left guard.
Cumings (Gev'town). Jerse Riggs (Princeton).
McConville (C.A.C.). Mayer (Baito, Med.).
The game will begin promptly at 3 p.m., and two full halves will be played in accordance with the recent rule of the Amateur Athletic Association.

SOUNDING McGRAW.

### Angen Visits Baltimore in the Inter-

The present prospect is that Washingto base ball if forced out of the National League. It had been believed that the new sociation would put a club here, but it seems that Baltimore is to be given the first chance. The present idea of the promoters of the new organization is to have ably Milwaukee and Detroit, making four tern c'ubs, which, with Boston, New York, Philadelphia and one other eastern

eity, would make up the full eight clubs which it is desired to get. The location of the fourth club would which it is desired to get.

The location of the fourth club would depend on the result of the coming meeting of the National League's committee on reduction of the circuit. If the major organization drops Louisville, Ceveland, Washington and Baltimore, as is suggested, then the new organization would put a team in Baltimore in all probability. If, however, the syndicate workers decide to keep Baltimore and drop Brooklyn, then a club would be placed in the city of churches.

Adrian C. Anson is in Baltimore visiting his daughter and, incidentally, he is in consultation with Robinson and McGraw with reference to the location of an American Association team in that city.

Regarding the situation in Baltimore, Mr. Anson appreciates the fact that McGraw and Robinson hold the "balance" of base ball power These men are not likely to abandon the league as long as the league retains Baltimore in its circuit.

Neither Anson nor Messrs. McGraw and Robinson disclosed the substance of their earnest discussions but it becare

Netther Anson nor Messrs. McGraw and Robinson disclosed the substance of their earnest discussions, but it is certain that each party interested the other thoroughly. Anson claims that the body he represents is in excellent shape in Chicago, St. Louis, Boston and other places. Philadelphia and Baltimore would round out the eastern di-vision of it and it have not been supported. Boston and other places. Philadelphia and Baltimore would round out the eastern division of it, and if he can get Baltimore into the association, with McGraw and Robinson to lead the association Orioles, it would appear that this would be all the major organization club that the Baltimore rooters would want. rs would want

### FREEDMAN'S THREAT.

Brooklyn Will Be Prevented From Playing Ball if It Does Not Pay Fine. President Freedman of the New York Base Ball Club, in talking to a reporter re-garding the stand of the Brooklyn club,

"We are already on record as to our plans for next season and have nothing further to say beyond asserting again that am first, last and always against syndi-ate base ball. This kind of base ball is ot legitimate and therefore it should not be allowed to exist.
"The threat made by the Brooklyn club

"The threat made by the Brooklyn club officials that they will not pay the \$500 fine which was imposed upon the club by the league for playing Wrigley when they should not have done so and their alleged intention of bringing the matter into the courts isn't worrying me. One thing is certain, however, the Brooklyn club will not play a single game on the Polo Grounds next season unless it pays the fine.

"If syndicate base ball is abolished I will strengthen the New York team as much as I can, but if other clubs are allowed to be benefited by syndicate ball I will do nothing toward making the team stronger. In other words, I don't propose to strengthen the Gianis and increase the chance of money-making for any base ball syndicate.

"The leaves is based."

"The league is based on a constitution by which all disputes should be settled. There is no reason for airing its troubles

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CARROLLS WON THREE. Brilliant Bowling Defeated the Y. M. C. A. Team.

The almost unbroken string of victories of the Young Men's Christian Association night. The Carroll team played a brilliant game, with good totals to their credit in each event, and allowed the association men not a single victory as a reward for their evening's effort. In contrast to the work of the Carrolls, the visitors played the poorest set of games made by them in some time, in one match the total barely reaching 700. The home players divided up reaching 700. The home players divided up the work very equally among themselves. While Gorman made the best average for the side, the others were close upon him, Harlow running the lowest series and again failing to maintain his average of other years. For the visitors, Rose was decidedly off, and gave place to Ronsaville in the wind-up game. Von Boeckmann also did poorly, but it is understood that all bowlers occasionally fall away from their accustomed totals.

The result of the games tends to shove Columbia still lower down the list, the Carrolls now being tied with the Golden Eagle team and the Saengerbund for second po-

team and the Saengerbund for second po-

The outcome of the first game could be easily foretoid almost from the start, as the home team took a lead in the second inning that was not overcome during the play. Sixty-three pins divided the sides at the close: The score follows:

FIRST GAME. 
 Carroll Institute.
 Y. M. C. A.

 St. Sp. Sc.
 St. Sp. Sc.

 Merritt.
 3 5 178 Suith.
 3 5 176 Octomor.

 0 Comor.
 3 4 155 Rose.
 1 4 130 Rice.

 Rice.
 3 3 161 Dayle.
 0 6 14 Granam.

 4 5 171 Runn.
 3 2 14 Harlow.
 3 2 14 Harlow.
 Totals....16 15 814 Totals....11 18 74 Had it not been for the score made by Doyle in the succeeding game, the associa-tion score would have been miserably low The Carrolls were much in the lead at ever

stage and wo score follows: | SECOND GAME | Totals....11 22 765 Totals.... 9 19 707 The wind-up game was another procession, although the triple-header by Von Boeckmann gave the visitors some foundation for heir enthusiasm in the middle frames. But at the finish the Carrolis' margin was ample. The score follows:

and won with pins to spar-

THIRD GAME. Totals....16 19 838 Totals....13 18 764 Scorers—For Y. M. C. A., E. N. Smith; for Carroll Institute, J. B. Johnston.

The standing of the clubs follows: foung Men's Ciristian Ass'n.... Solden Eagle Bowling Club.

Bowling Club. . . . . 8 Men's Bowling Club. . 6 The next league games will be bowled Wednesday night, at Simpson's alleys, Sacontesting with Columbia Bowl-

NEW ATHLETIC UNION.

## Chairman Wilkens Gives an Idea of Its Strength.

Members of the new Athletic Union are making preparations for a large indoor athletic meeting to be held here in the near future. Chairman Henry E. Wilkens said yesterday that the progress of the enter-prise was very satisfactory. He said:

"A careful count of the active field and track men enrolled so far is 287, all of whom express themselves as anxious to compete under the new organization.

"Under the old Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union little had been done recently, and athletics had failen to a low ebb. We have interested with us a very large and active heads." low ebb. We have interested with us a very large and active body of men, all with

a desire to work, and they are young mer who have awakened to the fact that in this

a desire to work, and they are young men who have awakened to the fact that in this new district which we petitioned the Amateur Athletic Union to create there are great possibilities, which have never been utilized by the old and effete Atlantic Association. In all we have found that there are twenfy-nine or more athletic organizations that have never been in the A. A. U., and that never would have been in it under the old order of affairs. These are good clubs, and there are more, probably, of which we will hear later.

"We are in active correspondence with eleven clubs in Baltimore, seven of which were never members of the A. A. U.; in Washington, 14, only one of which belongs to the A. A. U.; in Wilmington, Del., two; in Portsmouth, one, and in Norfolk, two. The smaller places, like Easton, Laurel, Westminster and Frederick, have so far not been heard from. We will have an agent, who for the pure love of sport will go to these places and show the athletes the desirability of becoming members of the Middle States Athletic Association.

"We believe that by the middle of February we will have an organization composed of such a large membership that it will be able to give an indoor athletic meet-

posed of such a large membership that i will be able to give an indoor athletic meet ing that will eclipse any ever shown in this city. We propose to make this a success. We have secured an option on a sultable hall, and propose to make our exhibition so impressive that doubters will be giad to be with us afterward."

### IN CHESS CIRCLES.

In the eighth round of the championship urney of the Washington Chess and tourney of the Washington Chess and Checker Club Hanna won from Boykin in a very skillful end game, in which he had a knight against a bishop. Sournin won from Smith by the score given below, Lyman from Tibbetts and Adair from Prender in a short game. Mr. Tibbetts won a postponed game from Captain O'Farrell. Messrs. Tharp and Woodward did not appear to centest their games against Messrs, Gwyer and Harris. Mr. Walker and Dr. Hodges had preplayed their game in this round, the former winning. The record in the championship tourney now stands;

Won.Lost. Won.Lost.

The Baltimore club had a match recently, five men a side, with the Young Men's Christian Association, and were beaten 3 to 2. The losers were the first three boards, Messrs. Schofield, Maass, Melamet.

A famous German player, Dr. Max Lange, died at Leipsic a short time since. He was eminent as a player and even more so as a problemist and on the theory of the game. He was the inventor of the line of play known as the Max Lange attack, which is illustrated in the following game between F. J. Marshall of Brooklyn and S. Bampton of Philadelphia:

of Philadelphia Opening Sicilian Defense.

Smith.	Sournin.	Smith.	Sournin.
1 P-K4	P-QB4	20 R-K	P-B3
2 Kt-KB3	P-K3	21 P-B3	K-B2
3 P-Q4	PxP	22 K-B2	R-Q
4 KtxP	Kt-KB3(a)	23 R-K2	Kt-B
5 B-Q3	Kt-B3	24 Kt-B4	R-04
6 P-QB3	P-K4	25 Kt-K3	R-06
7 KtxKt	QPxKt	26 R-B2	Kt-K2
8 B-KKt5	В-Ка	27 K-K2	R-02
9 Q-K2	Q-Kt3	28 P-QB4	K-K3
10 B-K3	B-QB4	29 P-QK13	Kt-Kt3
11 BxB	QxB	30 P-Kt3	P-KR4
12 P-KR3	R-Q	31 Kt-Kt2	R-05
13 Castles	RxB(b)	32 P-KR4	Kt-K2
14 QxB	B-B5	33 K-B2	R-Q8
15 Q-B2	BxR	34 K-K2	R-KR8
16 KxB	Q—B5ch	35 K-B2	Kt-B4
17 K-Kt	QxP	36 P-B4	R-R7
18 QxQ	KtxQ	37 PxP	RxKt
19 Kt-R3	Kt-Q3	38 Resigns	
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move at this	particluar s	stage is Janov	rebits incom
tion and is in	itended as a	trup for the	nowary L
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P-K5, the queen checks and wins it.

(b) Quite an elaborate combination, having for object QxP in the seventeenth move. Max Lange Attack.

Marshall.	Bampton.	Marshall.	Bampton.
1 P-K4	P-K4	16 Kt-B6ch(c)	K-B2
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	17 B-R4(*)	O-R3
3 B-B4	B-B4	18 Q-K2	P-K4(d)
4 P-Q4(a)	PxP	19 QxBPch	K-B
5 Castles	Kt-B3	20 Q-K6	OxB
6 P-K5	P-Q4	21 Kt-Q7ch	RxKt
7 PxKt 8 R-Kch	PxB	22 QxR	P-Q6!
9 Kt-Kt5	B-K3 Q-Q4(b)	23 K-R	R-Q
to QKt-B3	0-B4	24 Q-B5ch	K-Kt2
11 OKt-K4	B-Kt3	25 QR-Q 26 QxQP	R-KB
12 PxP	R-Kt	27 P-KR3	RxP
13 P KKt4	Q-Kt3	28 KR-B	Kt-Q5 P-K5
14 KtxB	PxKt	29 Q-K3	RxReh
15 B-Kt5	RxP	30 RxR	Kt-K7!
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(*) Q-B3 s	eems the pr	essing move her	
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pawn. Black's lie of play allows the Max Large attack by a transposition of moves. BxP is best (b) This attack 's now so well known that there s probably no need to point out that Q-Q2 loses

(b) This attack is now so well known that there is probably no need to point out that Q-Q2 loses a piece.

(c) Tschigerin, who has made a study of this opening plays Q-B3.

(d) Black plays fiely fall along here..

The American colleges are now busy as can be with the chess problem. About the Easter holidays they have their annual match by cable with the English universities. Preliminary to that they hold during the Christmas week a match among themselves to detertinine the players who shall represent American interests in the international play. To determine the representatives of the different colleges at the Christmas meeting college tourneys have been in progress during some months past, and the teams are now ready for their bout next week. E. E. Sputhard, the extraordinarily fine player developed at Harvard last year, being debarred from the international by the length of time he has been at his college, will not take part in the college tourney.

At about the same time that the United States Chess Association was moving for

At about the same time that the United States 'Chess Association was moving for an international in 1901 London players were also making a move in the same direction. At the first mention of the project \$1,500 was subscribed toward prizes, of which Sir George Newnes, a great patron of the game, advanced \$1,000.

The appended game was played in Philadelphia in the fifth round of the current tourney between Messrs. J. W. Young and D. Stuart. The notes are by Mr. Kemeny in the Philadelphia Ledger:

Young. Stuart, Young, Stuart.

e	Young.	Stuert.	. Young.	Stuart.
S	1 P-K4	P-QR4	24 Kt(K2)-Q4	1: B
d	2 Kt KER		25 Kt-R2	Kt BS
e	3 P - Q4	PxP		KiPxBif
i	4 KtxP	P Q3		R-Kt
	5 Kt-QB3	Kt-B3		Kt B2
- 33	6 B K2	P-KKt3		0 02
- 6	7 Castles	B Kt2	30 P KR1	P KR
	S R K3	Castles	31 O K2	P. Bitter)
. 1	9 P K R3	P QR3	132 R - KKt	Kt Ktt
8		R-Q2	TES P KKt4th)	KixKt
0	11 OR -Q	R P	34 PxKt	BPxP
4	12 P R4	P-QKt1	35 KtxP(b)	PyKt
0 4 1 8	13 P-R3	Q-82(1)	PRO ONK P	B ORG
S	14 Kt-B3	KE-O	58 RH2 K12	O KR2
77	15 Q -K(b)	P-1830	38 R(112) K (2)	R K12(1
1	16 Q-B2	H NI	29 O R6	P. 105
y	17 K -R	Kt K		OxR
	18 P-K5(d)	P 04	41 RxQch	ttxit
-	19 B-Q3	R OB(e)		K R2
3/	20 Kt K2	B Kt2	43 O B5ch	
y 1	21 B-Kt6	Q-Q2	44 Q K6ch	K-R2
e	22 PxR	QxB	45 QxQP	Resigns.
- 0	23 P-B3	Kt-R4	A. Carrier	

23 P-B3 Kt-R4

(a) This and the next move are necessary, since white threatens Kt-Kl3, followed by P-K5, winning at least a pawn.

(b) Well played. The text move, in connection with Q-B2, gives white good attacking chances, since B-K16 is threatened.

(c) Better, perhaps, was B-K. If white then plays Q-B2, black answers Kt-Q2, threatening BxKt, Kt-R4 and Kt-B5,

(d) Black cannot well play PxP and KtxP, as KtxKt and Qxtch would follow. He is thus forced play P-Q4, and the diagonal for the KB is cut off. White, of course, could not have adopted this continuation had black played B-K and Kt-Q2 in proper time. proper time.

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(d) Kt = 45 is stronger by glaved by gl

lefug the piece white will get not only the remain-ing KiP, but KP also, (ii) Had he answered Q -KB2, white would have object R(B2) - Ki2. (i) QxQ was better, but would not have saved the In the club tourney Campbell and Brad.

ley drew; Mundelle won from Crofts; Tuck er lost to Bradley, and Turner to Rafter and Mundelle won from Prender. The record in the club tourney is: The record in the Won.Lost.

W. B. Muedelle 6 0
W. E. Bradley 4½ ½ W. E. Thomas 1
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H. E. Crofts. 3 1
H. F. Crofts. 3 2
H. F. Crofts. 3 3
H. F. Crofts. 4 2
H. F. Crofts. 4 1
H. F. Crofts. 3 3
H. Turer. 0 Won Lost

Capt. Jas. Hill, a former member of the

### Richard P. Whiteley, a graduate of the Maryland Agricultural College of the class foot ball team, while at practice Thurs-lay, had his noze broken.

Cannot Play Monday. Capt. Clarence Walker of the Hyattsville

rial team of Washington, that it canno meet the Hyattsvilles Monday. The Imperials want to play New Year day. Columbian Wheelmen. The Columbian Wheelmen will take a run omorrow to Forrestville, Md., leaving the

home will be made in time for dinner. and will be ready for the members the first

and will be ready for the members the first of the week. The new club caps are also expected to arrive shortly.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held Tuesday, January 2, instead of Monday the 1st.

The secretary has received a number of applications for membership. The membership is gradually increasing and will soon reach the limited number.

#### The Chevy Chase Hounds. day at 3 p.m. at Chevy Chase circle in stead of at Pierce's mill, as previously ad-

Tod Sloan Back From Europe. NEW YORK, December 23.-Tod Sloan the American jockey, and E. C. Baid, the professional bicycle rider, arrived today on board the Cunard Liner Campania from

#### Liverpool. The Black Walnut.

From the Berea Quarterly. The great size often reached by this tree the richness of the dark brown wood, the inique beauty of the grain sometimes found in burls, knots, feathers and in the curl of the roots, all conspire to make this the most choice and high-priced of all our na-

Twenty-five years ago walnut was exten sively used in the manufacture of fine for niture and finishings in this country, but manufacturers adroitly drew attention to the beauty of darkly-stained quartered oak, and the use of the rarer wood has greatly declined. But all this time the search for fine black wainut logs has gone on systematically, though quietly, the trade attracting little attention, though the volume of lumber handled has been large. Though found to some extent in the Atlantic states from Massachusetts southward, the great source of supply has been the central portions of the Mississippl valley. The wainut is at home in the rich alluvial bottom lands of the western streams and in the stony limestone soils of the hills and mountains, and in such localities the buyers have left few trees unsurveyed. Throughout eastern Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas, as well as the states along the Ohio and its tributaries, may be seen a few logs at this little station, a car or two at that, with carefully hewer sides and realized and related and so the states and the states and that, with carefully hewer sides and realized and real manufacturers adroitly drew attention to station, a car or two at that, with care-fully hewn sides and painted ends, ready

for the market.

If you ask where the market is you will find that the great bulk of this rare lumber goes to Europe.

While we have been led into an enthusi-While we have been led into an enthusi-astic admiration for fine oak, stained ac-cording to the degree of antiquity it is sup-posed to represent, our European consins have been paying fancy prices for the rich black walnut that we have allowed to go "out of fashion."

#### Marie Antoinette's Necklace. From the Cornhill Magaz It must have been in 1862 that Meyerbeer

paid his last visit to London, and I saw him at one of the Philharmonic concerts, which were then held in the old Hanove square rooms. There was quite a flutter of excitement when the little old man look ing extraordinarily wizened and wrinkled even for his age of sixty-eight, came into the box. I noticed his piercing eyes and hooked nose, and, perhaps as much as these, a magnificent brooch of rubies and diamonds that blazed in the center of his diamonds that blazed in the center of his shirt frill, which he wore in the fashion of 1830. The stones flashed and glittered with every one of his quick little bows to right and left; and the rubies connect themselves with a tale of his great predecessor composer in Paris—the mighty Gluck. After the first triumphant performance of one of his operas the queen sent for him to come to her box to recveive her congratulations. Half dazed with emotion, excitement and fatigue, the old musician, rising from his operas need:" "It is only this, Gluck," said Marie Antoinette, hastily snatching off her neckiace of rubies, and holding the rippling gems toward him; and Gluck looked again and saw the fair white throat rising unharmed and stainless. He died in 1787.

### CHRISTMAS EGGNOG.

Recipe From a Southern Gentleman of the Old School. Christmas is so close at hand that a word about it is clearly in order. I am not going write of it historically or scientifically It is an old English custom, and is still kept up in England, and observed, though not exactly in the old way. In this country it has been more of a southern than a northern festival, but the observance seems where, even in this city, where the ele compounded and blended as to make it really a cosmopolitan capital. If you happen to forget that Christmas is coming your

pen to forget that Christmas is coming your wife or your children or the darkies will inform you, and you will feel that something is due them for this information. Or, if you walk on any of the principal business streets, the usual throng in the stores will challenge your attention. Now, this giving of Christmas presents has been for twenty or thirty years on the increase, with or without prosperity. People clamor for more holidays, cakes and all.

This surrender for a space to homely joys, family reunions, present giving, fun and frolic and good cheer is not a bad thing in these days when wars and offenses must needs come, and not a few have troubles to be dispelled. Christmas comes but once a year; why not enjoy it? I am not plending for racket, pistol firing and the modern dangerous firectrackers in the cities. I think all this ought to be broken up as a disgrace to civilization. The horn blowing which the small boy discovered a few years ago strikes me as a rather metancholy way of expressing ones, beyond feeliers but it is ago strikes me as a rather melanchoix of expressing one's joyful feelings, but if it loes the small boy any good I would let aim go ahead. It does not specially annoy others, nor does it endanger life. Of course,

him go ahead. It dees not specially annoy others, nor dees it endanger life. Of course, it is not a proper accompaniment to church music and devotional exercises.

The good cheer part of Christmas is, as Mr. Weller would say about spelling his name, a matter of taste and fancy. For many, unfortunately, the length of the purse circumseribes the imagination and diminishes the feast, so that even Mr. Dickens' Christmas goose is not available. But others are more fortunate. For those there are to revel with the turkey, the game duck, the roast pig, the chine, the segar-cured ham, oysters in every form and much more of good things. Of course, there must be something wherewith to wash it all down. Ice water is not calculated to enliven the soul, and even some of the temperance folk make a mental reservation in lavor of the private or domestic saloon. And this shows that they are not utterly given over to deprayity. Coming to the matter of drinks, it may be well to say a word of eggnog and apple toddy, which in old Virginia, the true home and guardian of our American Christmas, are regarded as the necessary adjuncts to this gracious season of happiness. And, to be candid, I started out more to speak of eggnog than anything else. season of happiness. And, to be candid, I started out more to speak of eggnog than rrything else

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Eggnog is a great subject and a pressing one. It is a condition that confronts us. One must drink or decline. It is sure to be offered, you know. Hereabouts the average man declines, gets out of it the best way he can, and locks around furtively for a substitute that will cheer his soul and yet not give him a headache. Why is this? Eggnog is not intrinsically bad. Properly made it has som thing more than sentiment and tradition to recommend it. It is a healthful, delightful beverage, especially if drank in moderation. Unwisely compounded and drank it upsets the average man, spoils his taste for other things, creates a disagreement or coldness between reates a disagreement or coldness between im and his Christmas dinner and pave but they also have some positive disqual-fications. Their known weakness for sweet and sweet preparations and their idolatrou lemand for cream all the time and in everything combine to ruin the eggneg, and no amount of spirit poured in afterward suffices to overcome this mischievous and

awful chemistry.

The difficulty of making good eggnog consists not merely in the proportions of the articles used. Each and every one to be sed must be of prime quality, otherwise ne combination will fail or fall short of ne mark.
The ingredients of eggnog are as follows: like This should be fresh and boiled the

The ingredients of eggnog are as follows: Milk. This should be fresh and bolled the morning of the brewing, that is, before the milk has had time to decompose; sugar, granulated, because it is the most apt to be perfectly pure; the yelks of eggs, thoroughly beaten up; the white of eggs, also well beaten up; brandy, the best French brandy if your are sugar, what you are getting. If you are sure of what you are getting, otherwise, California brandy, which is usu-ally pure and reliable: old Jamaica rum, the Santa Cruz rum to be kept for punches;

utmegs, fresh by all means.
It is best, I submit, to have a bowl which It is best, I submit, to have a bowl which holds four gallons, even if only two gallons of egging are to be made. Assuming two gallons as about the desired quantity. I would use three quarts bolied milk, one pound granulated sugar, sixteen yelks of eggs beaten up, twenty-four whites of eggs, also beaten; two bottles of French or California brandy, or, say, one and a half bottles of French and half bottle of California brandy the list gives. like rum an area brandy; the last gives, like rum, an are natic flavor; half bottle of old Jamaics um, on: nutmeg, freshly grated, of course ust before you begin.

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The order of tids great business is as follows: All the ingredients being ready, the milk properly boffed, the nutmeg grated, the yelks and whites well separated and thoroughly beaten and the corks of all the bottles drawn—First, mix the sugar (one pound) and the milk till the sugar is completely dissolved. Second, then add the fitteen or sixteen yelks of the eggs and mix the three thoroughly together. This takes a little time, but once done the rest is easy. Third, then pour in the brandy slowly, stirring the mixture as it is poured. Fourth, do the same with the rum, stirring well. do the same with the rum, stirring wei Fifth, then pour in about three-fourths of Fifth, then pour in about three-fourths of the whites of the eggs—that is, eighteen whites—and mix well with what has gone before Sixth, then add one grated nutmeg, keeping a little for a purpose to be present-ly mentioned. After all this cunning and careful chemistry, put on top of your egg-nog for ornamentation the remaining one-fourth part of the whites of the eggs. This is, borrowing an old California phrase, to "float on the surface of the occasion," and is, borrowing an oid cantornia phrase, to "float on the surface of the occasion," and then a little of the nutmeg may be grated over the fluid by way of a delicate suggestion that there are some good things in life for those who keep their eyes open and

for those who keep their eyes open and improve present opportunities.

If, after making the eggnog, the first visitor looks as if he didn't think it was quite strong enough, it is no crime to add some French or California brandy. If the eggnog is slandered as being too strong the faint-hearted one who imbibes should be given half a glass only by way of education till he or she desires to repeat the dose. They will be apt to come back and do so. The drinks are important. Don't make the eggnog over an hour or so before it is to be used. The eggs are uncooked food and acteriorate by exposure to the air. The idea of the eggs being "cooked" by putting of the eggs being "cooked" by putting whisky or brandy with them is a weak whisky or brandy with them is a weak superstition. Don't use any cream. Eggnog so made may be a joy at night, but it is heaviness in the morning. Again, don't put in too much sugar or too much nutmeg. The first cloys, the second in considerable quantities is indigestible, besides being unnecessary. Lastly, don't drink too much of this enticing beverage. Made as directed above it will make no one sick, but too much of it oftentimes conduces to drowsiness or spoils a dinner. But I have

but too much of it oftentimes conduces to drowslness or spoils a dinner. But I have seen very eminent United States justices drink four or five glasses and yet survive under learned and classical opinions. And this discussion, however profix, I consider to be a well-weighed opinion on a somewhat difficult question.

In the making of apple toddy I have left myself little space for exposition. I shall content myself with giving the reader the recipe of a very successful Virginia chemist and editor. His directions are to "take the best rye whisky as a base, flavor well with apple brandy, also with one glass of old Jamaica rum, then add the apples, water and as much sugar as may be necessary." I think it would be best to have the water hot, and not to have too much of it outside or inside the bowl. I mean the water, of course.

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CATCHING CEYLON ELEPHANTS.

An Exciting Drive Ending in the Trapping of the Great Beasts.

In the interior of Ceylon I had rather a ovel experience, that of witnessing an ele

Several weeks previously two herds of elephants had been surrounded by some 2,500 native coolies under the orders of their Ratamahatmayas, preparators to the kraaling. The plot of wilderness and jungle surrounded by the coolies extended over an area of about three thousand acres. Every night, by firing blank ammunition,

kindling fires, beating tomtoms and loud shouting, the elephants were driven several hundred yards nearer to an improvised stockade. This was repeated nightly until the elephants were half a mile or less from the mouth of the stockade. This chase sometimes requires more than two months. The circle of cooles then opens and in-closes within its ranks the entire stockade. closes within its ranks the entire stockade. This stockade was built of stout tree trunks deeply and firmly imbedded in the ground at a distance of two feet apart. These tree posts projected some fourteen feet above the earth and were reinforced by three parallel lines of horizontal cross pieces, securely tied to the posts with wild vines and creepers. The whole was further strengthened by a series of sianting braces firm'y fixed in the ground and having horistrengthened by a series of stanting braces firm'y fixed in the ground and having horizontal cross pieces also bound to them. The stockade or "kraal" was about five hundred feet square, and built in a jungle, with its entrance disguised to appear as the thickest part of the jungle. The entrance for the game was from fifty to seventy feet wide and at the north side of the stockade.

the stockade.

Beyond the stockade, on the south, oppo site its entrance, was "Kraai Town," which consisted of several dozens of native shops and a number of bungalows, built of paim leaves and lined inside with white coth, leaves and lined inside with white c.oth, all temporary, for the occasion. The bungalows were gayly decorated with bunting and flags. A kind of grand stand had been erected just outside the stockade, on the south side next to "Kraal Town."

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About 7 a.m. we hastened to the grand stand. The drive-in had already commenced, the shouts of the beaters and the firing of their guns resounding on all sides. The beaters came nearer and nearer, the cracking trees, vines and jungle growth becoming terrific as the rushing elephants approached nearer to the stockade. The excitement and interest were intense. Repeatedly some of the elephants made determined attempts to break through the lines of coolies, but were met with volleys from the guns and loud cheers from the beaters, who rushed toward the huge beasts and by their courage and bold front awed and turned them once more toward the stockade.

Finally the largest and most ferocious elephant, which had been leading the herd, made a mad rush for the patch of dense green jurgle ahead, which disguised the entrance to the stockade. There followed a tremendous crash and cracking of breaking branches, vines and jungle growth, seemingly right about our stand.

The gigantic leader of the herd rushed toward the grand stand, followed rapidly by the whole herd in single file. The coolies swarmed around the outside of the stockade beneath the grand stand, and with volleys from their guns and with spears

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the elephants and prevented their breaking down or attacking any pertion of the
stockade. They frequently had to use their
spears to drive the infuriated animals
away. The elephants continued to circle
about, one tiny one trotting around after
its mother in an amusing manner. At last
they huddled together in the thickest of
the remaining jungle.

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Immediately after the last elephant had passed through the gate into the stockade the coolies rapidly lighted fires, shot volleys of blank ammunition and quickly p'anted posts and supports bound together, thus effectually closing the gateway.

After a short interval the noosing began, it being best done shortly after the first mad rushing and before the animals get over their fright or have trodden down all the jungle in the stockade.

Half a dozen tame elephants entered the stockade, two natives riding upon each, and a dozen natives following on foot,

and a dozen natives following on foot, armed with spears for sef-defense. The tame elephants had rope collars and The tame elephants had rope collars and a rope surcingle, with loops for the riders to hold on by. A tarred rope with a running noose was attached to the rope collar, the herd was kept moving about, and as opportunity offered the natives on foot, from between the legs of the tame elephants, slipped the nooses between the hind feet of the wild elephants when ralsed. This was rather dangerous work, many attempts and failures preceding the final capture. Frequent kicks of the wild elephants sent natives sprawling.

When noosed the wild elephants were tied, first by one hind foot and then by the other, to a big tree, where they screamed.

tied, first by one filled foot and then by the other, to a big tree, where they screamed, pulled and beliowed lustily. Strong tarred ropes were tied around the necks and bodies of the captives, then tied to the rope collars of two tame elephants, after which the wild elephants were untied from the tree. Then they were marched off between the two tame ones, followed by a third tame elephant, which helped with an occasional push when pecessary.

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One of the baby elephants was very plucky and not at all easy to secure. The largest of the e-cphants in the kraal measured lifteen feet in helght.

After several months of captivity, chained by a forefoot to a stout tree, and under the care and training of a keeper, they will be disposed of or hired out by their captors and used for dragging big timber or doing other heavy work. Some of the younger ones are sold to dealers in animals, who train them for the circus, &c.

On the spot they are worth, according mals, who train them for the circus, &c. On the spot they are worth, according to the temper displayed, age, &c., from 200 to 500 rupees (a rupee is 32 cents in United States money). Four months later they are worth several times the price at the kraal, but in the meantime have necessitated considerable expense in removing and training them. The government receives a

royalty of 10 rupees for each elephant

A kraal entails considerable hardships on the little army of beaters, with more or less loss of life or limb. The beaters are vil-lagers, chiefly Cingalese, who are compelled by that smarters their superiors to leave their homes.

by their superiors to leave their homes, perhaps never to return, and assist in the krading, sometimes being absent for morths without compensation, and compelied to carry their own provisions or go hungry, and all for nothing—simply in obedience to the old law of Rajakariya.

These villagers during the kraal build a small shelter of leaves and cook and live on the spot. Their shelters are a few feet apart, and several cooles live in each. A minor headsman has charge of and guides the men composing his portion of this army of coolies. Occasionally the villagers surreptitiously put buillets in their muzzle-loaders instead of powder, and sometimes an elephant is thus wounded.

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possession of the diamond. Disposing of the gem to a diamond merchant for fl.000, it is said the man afterward hanged himself in a fit of remorse.

Mr. Pitt, governor of Fort St. George, and great-grandfather of the illustrious William Pitt, became the next possessor of this valuable stone, weighing 410 carats, for 120,000. He sent it to London, where he had it very skillfully cut at a cost of £5,000, the process occupying two years. Pitt appears to have found his diamond no very envisible possessor.

sparkle as they fly and hover; butterflies as large as the birds dispute the honey with them. As you turn round the corner you surprise parties of tiny ground doves, and every tow and again the larger pea doves flit across the road. Up from the valley below the sounds of voices and laughter. Stop your carriage and look down. Those are the works on a coffee estate, and those flat terraces partitioned off into squares are the "burbecues" upon which the berries are dried. You can see that some of the squares are a different color to the rest. The dark ones are those that are covered with coffee berries; the others are those which have not yet been filled. with them. As you turn round the



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